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Games

(01) Gupta,Ab (2640) - Gleizerov,E (2566) [A84]
Vizag GM Open Visakhapatnam IND (6), 27.11.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Qc2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3!? Very unusual treatment - White wants to use \( \text{\textsection} f5 \) by the dint of \( \text{\textsection} g2-g4. 6...b6 But that means - diagonal a8-h1 is gonna be open, so Black is preparing a fianchetto. [6...d5 7.Bf4 \( \Delta \) e3, Bd3, g4] 7.g4 Bb7 8.gxf5

8...Bxf3N It's curious, that commenting own game with Milov (see next annotation), Gleizerov puts '?' mark to this move... [There was 8...exf5 9.d5 c6 10.Rg1 cxd5 11.Bh6 Ne8 12.0-0-0 (\( \text{\textsection} \text{Nxd5 Bxd5} \text{\textsection} 13.cxd5 Bb4+ 14.Bd2!)) 12...Kh8 13.Bf4 dxc4 14.Ne5 d6 15.e3 Nd7i , Milov-Gleizerov, Geneve 2004, and Black is even hardly better; so why did he change his mind this time? Maybe, because of 9.Qxf5 Ne4 10.Qg4 Bb4 11.a3!?., but position is still unclear - 11...Nxc3 12.axb4 Qe7!]
9.exf3 Nc6 10.Be3 Gleizerov estimated this position as '±', and he didn't tell lies! 10...e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Be2 [12.0-0-0 was recommended - 12...Nx/e3? 13.Bg2 - but 12.Be2 will do too.] 12...c6 Black tries to create some counterplay after a6 and b5. 13.0-0-0 a6 14.Ne4 b5 15.c5! Sealing all queenside. Besides, square d6 is fixed now too. 15...Nd5 16.Bd4 [16.f4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 bxc4 18.Qxc4 Rxf5 19.Nc3 looks quite convincing, but White is eager to put a pressure on \( \text{\textsection} g7 \) immediately.] 16...Bg5+ [\( \text{\textsection} f5 \) is untouchable: 16...Rxf5 17.Nd6 Rg5 18.h4 Rh5 19.f4+-] 17.Kb1 Bf4 Bishop is protecting \( \text{\textsection} e5 \) now, but point d6 is uncontrollable at the same time. White doesn't want to miss an opportunity. 18.Nd6! Nf7 Trying to eliminate \( \text{\textsection} d6 \), but exposing \( \text{\textsection} g7. The same story. 19.Rhg1 Nf6 20.Ne4 Be5

21.Be3! Brilliant. White steps back from d4 in order to return to this square after f3-f4. 21...Nd5 [21...Qe7 22.f4 Bxb2 23.f3! Nxe4 24.fxe4 Bf6 25.e5+-] 22.f4! Anyway. 22...Nxf4 [Losses in a forced away, but is there something else? I'm not sure: 22...Bf6 23.Rxd5! cxd5 24.Nxf6+ Qxf6 25.Qd3+- , with lethal Bd4.] 23.Bxf4 Bxf4
24.Rxd7 Qh4 [24...Qxd7 25.Nf6+] 25.Bh5! Maybe, this is not the only way to win, but the most showy one. Aiming to f7, White destroys the last defenders of black king. 25...Be5 [25...Qxh3 26.Nf6+ Kh8 27.Bxf7 gxf6 28.Qe4+-] 26.Bxf7+ Rxf7 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Ng5+ Kf6
Now comes the finishing off. 29.Rg4!
[29.Qb3?! Qc4] 29...Qh5 30.f4! Bxf4
31.Qc3+ Be5 32.Ne4+ Kxf5 33.Ng3+ Bxg3 34.Qf3+ Bf4
[34...Ke6 35.Re4+]
35.Rxf4+ White played this game so bloody good, and I don’t even know, where exactly Black has made a crucial mistake. 1–0

(02) Sethuraman,S (2543) - Lenderman,A (2581) [B19]
Cultural Village Tournament Wijk aan Zee NED (3.4), 23.11.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5
Such clip can be handy in ending, and in mid-game too - I mean g4–g5 advancement. 8...Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6
11.Bf4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 [12.c3 Ng6 , and White can’t make any castle.] 12...Bb4? Interesting continuation, main idea of which - to provoke c4. 13.c3 [13.Ne4 Ng6
14.Nd6+ seems to be dangerous, but it isn’t: 14...Ke7 15.Nxb7 Bxd2+ 16.Nxd2
(16.Qxd2 Qb5) 16...Qb4 17.Qb3 Qxd4
18.0–0 Rhb8 , and Black is good.]
13...Be7 14.c4 Qc7 [14...Bb4?! now is another story: 15.Ne4 Ng6 16.Nd6+ Ke7
17.c5! b6 18.0–0 bxc5 19.Ne5+– , Acs–Gyimesi, Heviz 2003] 15.0–0-0 Ng6
16.Rhe1 White wants to assault bishop e7 after Nf5. 16...b5?! Δc4 was needed exactly for this reason - Black is securing square d5 for the knight. 17.c5 [17.cxb5 cxb5+ 18.Kb1 0–0
19.Nf5 (19.Qxb5 is too risky for a lousy pawn: 19...Rab8 20.Qd3 Qb6 21.b3
(21.Bc1 Rfc8) 21...a5–+) 19...exf5 20.Rxe7
Qd6 21.Re2 Qd5 22.Nh4 Ra8! (only this rook, not f8 one) 23.Rde1 Re4 24.Nxf5
Qxf5 25.Rxe4 Nxe4 26.Qxe4 Qxf2=] 17...0–0 [17...Nd5 is playable too: 18.Kb1 a5
19.Ne4 a4 20.g4 a3 21.b3 Rd8! (21...0–0
22.g5+) 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Qxe5
19.Qc2 Nf8 20.Ne2! , Haba–Gyimesi, Germany 2008, intending g4–g5, probably, should be preferred.] 18...exf5 19.Rxe7
Nxc5 Maybe, White has just overlooked this blow? Nope, all is not so simple. 20.Qe2 [Of course, 20.Rxc7 Nxd3+ 21.Kb1
Nxf2 is hopeless.] 20...Ncd7 [20...Nd3+ 21.Kc2!] 21.Nh4 This is what White is hoping for - knight will be at perfect spot f5.
But everything has its price... 21...Nd5N ...
and bxe7 is done. [21...Qd6 occurred before: 22.Nxf5 Qd5 , and now simple 23.Qf3 is enough for an advantage (instead of 23.g4 Qxa2, Leko–Karpov, Miskolc 2006) – 23...Qxf3 24.gxf3 Rae8 (24...Rfe8
23.Qxe7 [23.Nxe7+ Kh8 24.Nf5 Nf6+–] 23...Qd8?! [Queen has to be driven out by
another path: 23...Rae8! 24.Qh4, and now
24...Kh8! 25.Qg4 Rg8 26.Bf4 Qd8 27.Nd6
Ref8 – White without exchange and ob-
jects to attack.] 24.Qd6

Now Black ought to think something up
against deadly Qg3. 24...Kh7? [24...Qf6!
would be a salutary sacrifice: 25.Ne7+ Kh8
26.Qxd7 Rad8 27.Qxa7 Rxd4, and Black
will easy achieve a draw – 28.Bc3 Rxd1+
29.Kxd1 Qd6+ 30.Kc2 Rd8 31.b4 Qd1+
32.Kb2 Rd2++] 25.Bxh6! Once and for all
exposing black king. 25...Rg8 That’s loses,
but it’s difficult to suggest something really
better. [25...Qf6 26.Qxf6 (26.Qxd7? Rad8)
26...Nxf6 27.Bxg7++; 25...Nf6 26.Qf4 Nfd5
27.Qg4++] 26.Bxg7 Qg5+ 27.f4 Qxh5
28.g4! [28.Qxd7 is still fails due to
28...Rad8; now Qf5 is protected.] 28...Qh2
29.Ng3!? [Very inventive, but there is
nothing wrong with simple 29.Qxd7 Qxf4+
30.Kb1 Qe4+ 31.Ka1 Rxd7, and now
32.Qd6! , transferring to the “h”-line:
32...Rgx4 (32...Rg6 33.Qh2+) 33.Qh6+
Kg8 34.Rh1 f6 35.Nd6++] 29...Rgx7
[29...Kxg7 30.Nh5+ Kh7 31.Qxd7++]
30.Rh1 Qxh1+ 31.Nxh1 Nb6 32.g5

Of course, an attacking pair Q + N should
be enough for the victory. 32...Re8 33.Ng3
Re1+ 34.Kc2 Rg1 35.Nh5 [35.Qh6+ Kg8
36.Nf5 wins in a moment, but nothing is
ruined yet.] 35...Rg2+ 36.Kd3 Rd2+
40.Qxf6 Kg6 41.f5+! Final touch. 41...Kh5
[41...Kxf5 42.Qe5+ Kg6 43.Qe4+ Kxf6
44.Qf4+] 42.Qxc6 Rxd4+ 43.Kb5 1–0

(03) Vallejo Pons,F (2705) - Ponomariov,R (2723) [C53]
TCh–ESP CECLUB Div Honor 2011 Melilla
ESP (3), 23.11.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.Be2?!
[A toothless continuation. Usually White chooses 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Bxc6+ (an important intermediate) 10...bxc6 11.Nbxd2 0-0 12.Rc1!? (12.0-0 c5) 12...Bb4 (12...c5 13.dxc5 Qe7 14.0-0 Bxc5 15.Nb3) 13.0-0 Bxd2 14.Qxd2 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qd7 16.Rc3 with some pressure through “c”-line.] 7...Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Nbxd2 0-0 11.0-0 f6! Black is undermining the center in order to get some perspectives for bishop b4. 12.a3 Ba5N 13.Bb5 Bishop has gone to b5 anyway, proving, that 7.Be2 was a waste of time. 13...Ne7 [13...Nxd4!? was interesting with just marvellous compensation by way of pawn center and two bishops: 14.Nxd4 fxe5 15.N4b3 Bb6 ; but there is no need for such drastic measures.] 14.Qc2 White is threatening with Bd3, so the answer if forced. 14...Bf5 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Ng6! Besides Ïe5, Ïg6 is looking at f4-direction. So White decides to prevent it. 17.g3

17...c5! Excellent central counterstrike - now Black is catching an initiative entirely. 18.b4! Vallejo finds a good objection. [Of course, 18.exf6 c4! 19.Nxc4 (19.Qc2 Qxf6 Ïe5 20.dxc4 20.Qxc4+ Kh8 21.fxg7+ Kxg7≠ can’t be satisfactory for Black.] 18...cxb4 19.Nb3 bxa3 [19...Bc7 20.axb4 fxe5 21.dxe5 , and Ïd5 is too weak.] 20.Nxa5 Qxa5 21.Qb3 Ïa3 is done anyway, so it’s useful to take two more objects to aim. 21...fxe5 22.Rxa3 Qd8 23.dxe5?

[Ñ8] Nxe5! , and White is very close to equalization, for example: 23...Nxe5 (23...b6 24.Rfa1 a5 25.Nc6) 24.dxe5 Qd7 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.Ra5= 23...Qd7 Now Black is able to protect all his pawns. 24.e6?! [24.Rd1 Ne7≠ ; but anyway, 24.e6 seems too desperate.] 24...Qxe6 25.Qxb7 a5 26.Nd4 Qe4 27.Rd1 Re3 is threatening, but it’s Black’s turn to move. 27...Rab8! Rook goes to b1, and Ïd4 is somewhat hanging. 28.Qa6 Rb1 29.Rad3 [29.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 30.Kg2 Qb2] 29...Rxd1+ [Attractive 29...Nh4? would have been a mistake: 30.Qe6+ (30.gxh4? Qg4+) 30...Qxe6 31.Nxe6 Rxd1+ 32.Rxd1 Rf6 33.Nc5 Nf3+ 34.Kg2 d4 35.Ra1=; 29...Ne5!? is much stronger, as 30.Rxb1 Nxd3 31.Qe6+ Qxe6 32.Nxe6 Rf6 should be enough for the victory; Ponomariov wants something similar, but changes rooks at first.] 30.Rxd1 Ne5 31.Qxa5 Ng4

32.Nc6? [Suicide–resembling decision; only 32.Qe1 Qxe1+ 33.Rxe1 Rxg2 34.Re7 works here: (34.h3 Rd2 35.Nf3 Rd3) 34...Rhx2? 35.Ne6 g6 36.Rg7+ Kh8 37.Rd7 ; chances for the draw are quite small though.] 32...Ne3! Such multipurpose move ends the game at once. 33.fxe3 Qxe3+ 34.Kg2 Rf2+ 35.Kh3 Qh6+ 36.Kg4 Qg6+ 0-1

(04) Perez Candelario,Man (2558) - Delchev,A (2629) [B12]
TCh–ESP CECLUB Div Honor 2011 Melilla


17...f6! Black finds an appropriate way to unleash the game. 18.gxf6 Qf7 Δf3 is gonna be a target... 19.Rb1 .. but White is going to protect it from b3 square. b4–b5 break is also considered. 19...Bxf3 20.fxg6 Qxf6 21.Rb3 e5 Black has a clear–cut central strategy: e4, Ne5, maybe d4. 22.Qd2 [White decided to withdraw from the castle, maybe because of the following line: 22.0–0 h5 23.a4 Qg7 24.Qd2 (24.b5 Nd4) 24...h4 25.g4 e4 26.g5 exf3 27.Rxf3 Rh5 , and king g1 is disturbed.] 22...h5! It's still an useful move – defending from Rh6. 23.Rh4 e4! 24.Kf2?! [24.f4 d4+; 24.Qf4 Qa1+ 25.Qc1 (25.Kf2 Rh8) 25...Qxc1+ 26.Nxc1 Nd4; finally, 24.Rf4 meets 24...Qe6 , intending Qh3 – but that was lesser of all evils.] 24...Ne5 25.Rf4 Qg5 26.b5 Realizing, that delay is like death, White goes to the desperate attack. 26...h4! [No time for 26...Nxf3? – 27.Qa5] 27.g4
27...h3? [Black forgets about self-defence. 27...Nc4! was the right choice – 28.Qd4 (28.Qb4 a5!, that's the first idea), and only now 28...h3 with such spectacular variation: 29.bxa6 e3+! (the second idea) 30.Rxe3 h2 31.a7 Qh4+ 32.Ng3 h1N+! 33.Ke1 Qxg3+ 34.Kd1 Qg1+, winning.] 28.bxa6 h2 28...bxa6 29.Qb4+ 29.a7 Now what? 29...Qh4+ [29...e3+ isn’t working anymore: 30.Qxe3 Qh4+ 31.Ng3 h1N+ 32.Ke1 Qxg3+ 33.Kd1+ –] 30.Ke3? [30.Ng3 h1N+ 31.Ke3! (31.Ke1 Qxg3+ 32.Kf1 Qh3+=) 31...Nc4+ 32.Kd4+–, and white king is invulnerable.] 30...Nc4+ 31.Kd4 Kc7?

[Seems natural, but only 31...Kd7! is correct here – 32.Qb4 (32.Rxb7+ Ke8) 32...Qf2+ 33.Kxd5 Kc7+ 34.Kxc4 Qxe2+ 35.Rd3 Qxc2+ 36.Rc3 Qe2+ 37.Kb3 Qd1+ 38.Rc2 Qb1+ 39.Rb2 Qd3+, and Black will exchange the queens: 40.Ka2 (40.Ka4 Qa6+) 40...Qd5+ 41.Rb3 Qd2+]

32.Rxb7+? [Suicide sacrifice, whereas 32.Rf7+ Kc6 33.Kc3!+-, and Black is defenceless: 33...h1Q (33...Kxc5 34.a8Q! Rxaxa8 35.Rb5+! Kxb5 36.Qxd5+ with mate) 34.Nd4+ Kxc5 35.Rc7+ Kd6 36.Qf4+ Ne5 37.Nb5+ Ke6 38.Qf5#] 32...Kxb7 33.Qb4+ Ka8 A fascinating slugfest! 0-1

(05) Van Kampen,R (2558) - Socko,M (2479) [B76]
Max Euwe Mem Gp2 Amsterdam NED (4), 18.11.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0–0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.g4 This move is designed not only for h2–h4–h5 attack, but against d6–d5 too. 9...Nxd4 [9...d5? 10.g5 ; that's why Black has switched to another plan.] 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.h4 Qa5 12.h5 Rfc8 13.a3 Further action is unthinkable without a long castle. 13...b5 [Black wants to take an initiative immediately. This move could be made after preliminary 13...Rab8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.0–0–0 – 15...b5 , but 16.g5! Nh5 17.Bxg7 Nxb7 18.Bh3±, and White is better.] 14.h6!

Now it’s even worse version of 26...Nd4. [28...d5?! was a worth chance: 29.Bxd5 Bxb4 30.Bxa8 Qxa8 31.Qxb4 Rxa4, although after correct 32.Qd6! Nd4 33.Rxd4 exd4 34.Rc1! White should won.] 29.Bxf7+ Kh8 30.Rxd4! [30.Qd5?! meets 30...Rxa4

31.Rxd4 Ra1+ 32.Kc2 Rxc1] 30...exd4 31.Qe6 Now Black is almost paralyzed. 31...Qd8 32.a5 Rd7 33.Qd5 Bf6 34.Be6 Re7 35.g5 Be5 36.Bxd6! Queen d5 shoots at a8 and d4, that’s why this blow finishes the deal. 36...Qxd6 [36...Bxd6 37.Qxd4+] 37.Qxa8+ Qb8 38.Qxb8+ Bxb8 39.Bd5 Bf4 40.b6 d3 41.a6 1-0

(06) Carlsen,M (2826) - Gelfand,B (2744) [D12] 6th Tal Memorial Moscow RUS (2), 17.11.2011

[IM Polivanov, A]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 [Gelfand decided to manage without preliminary 6...Be4 7.f3 Bg6] 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.Bd3 [8.g3 is played usually - to cover h2 from Bd6 with further fianchetto. But Carlsen goes another way.] 8...Nbd7

has nothing else but queenside castle, though it's quite dangerous.] 14.Bd2 [I like 14.a4! more: 14...a5 (14...0-0-0? 15.a5 Nbd7 16.a6++) , and then 15.Bd2 wins in power.] 14...0-0-0 15.d5 That is White counting on, but Black has a reasonable objection. 15...e4! Battery Q + B forebodes a lot of trouble. [15...c5? 16.e4±] 16.dxc6 Qe5 [Of course, not 16...bxc6 17.Nb5+] 17.f4 exf3 18.Rxf3

18...Ng4!! [Such move is easy to be missed; 18...Qh2+ 19.Kf2 gives Black nothing, but with Ng4 it's another story.] 19.cxb7+ Kb8 [19...Kxb7 20.Qe4+] 20.hxg4 There is no other way to deal with threat Qh2, Qh1, Qxg2. 20...Rh1+! 21.Kf2 Rxa1 22.Ne2! Excellent. Knight is heading to c6 (if there will be such opportunity), and covering a very important square g3. 22...Bc5 [22...Kxb7 23.Rxf7+ Rd7 24.Qxg6±] 23.Bc3?! Too optimistical. [First of all, White wants to avoid 23.Rxf7? Rxd2! 24.Qxd2 Bxe3+ 25.Qxe3 Rf1+ 26.Kxf1 Qxe3; but 23.Nd4! was a correct path to make it: 23...Bxd4? (228...Rxd4! , and after 24.exd4 Bxd4+ 25.Be3 all comes to the draw – 25...Bxe3+ 26.Rxe3 Qf4+ 27.Rf3 Qd4++;) 24.exd4 Qxd4+ 25.Be3 Qb4 26.Rxf7 , and Black in huge trouble – 26...Qe1+ 27.Kf3 Qf1+ 28.Ke4 Re8+ 29.Kd4 Rd8+ 30.Kc5!++ – king escaped!] 23...Qe7! Intention is obvious – check at h4. 24.g5 Rdd1 [Gelfand conducts an attack, paying no attention to 24...Qxg5


26...Rg1? [It's difficult to explain, why Black rejected 26...Bxg3+ 27.Rxg3 (27.Kxg3 Qxg5+ 28.Kf2 Qh4++++) 27...Rf1+ 28.Qxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Nd7! (moving to e5), and White is the side who risks to lose (though, draw will be achieved anyway).] 27.Qd3! Immediate response – planning Ne4 and making a room for the king f2. 27...Bc7 [27...Bxg3+ 28.Rxg3 Rgf1+ 29.Kf2] 28.Ne4 Rxf1+?! [28...Kxb7 was better, and now we'll see why.] 29.Ke2 Rxg3 30.gxf3 f5 A desperate attempt to get the white king. [30...Kxb7 31.a4! – and under a1 this move was not so strong.] 31.gxf6 gxf6 32.Bxf6 Qh7
33.Qb5! The most exact reply – king e2 is free to go at d3, whereas queen is going to check from e8, and so on. 33...Rg2+ [33...Qh2+ 34.Kd3 – no checks; 33...e6!? was some hope, but in case of 34.Qe8+! (34.Qxa6 Qh1+) 34...Kxb7 35.Nc5+ Ka7 36.Qc6+ White is gonna win this game.] 34.Kd3 Qd7+ 35.Qxd7 Nxd7 36.Bd5 Of course, b7 should remain. 36...Be5 37.f4! An elegant ending. 37...Bc7 [37...Bxf6 38.Nxf6 Nc5+ 39.Kd4 Rc2 40.b4 Nxb7 41.e4++] 38.Bc6 1–0

(07) Khismatullin, Denis (2660) - Matlakov, Maxim (2632) [D94]
Russian Cup Final KO Magnitogorsk RUS (3.1), 17.11.2011

[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 g6 One moment ago this was a Slav Defence, but now – it’s Grunfeld. 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0–0 7.0–0 Bg4 Black’s main idea – to exchange at f3 with further e5 advancement, to make bishop g7 more active. 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6 [Postponing e5 to the most suitable moment, though it could be carried out right away: 9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nbd7 11.Rd1 e5 12.d5 e4! 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 N6b 15.Bb3 (15.d6 Qf6) 15...cxd5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Rxd5 Qb6 with excellent compensation owing to the powerful bishop g7.] 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.b3 Re8 12.Bb2

That’s a key move – as the center is closed, White is ready for kingside action like g4; besides, Black is almost deprived of any space now. 24...Nef6 The only hope is e5 breakup. 25.g4 Re8 [Attempts such
as 25...hxg4 26.hxg4 Ne4 are unfounded:
30.Qg3 Nb4 31.Rd2 Nxa2 32.Rc4! a5
33.Ra4+–] 26.Kg2 hxg4 [File's "h" opening
is a dangerous idea, but e5 can't be made
otherwise: 26...e5? 27.dxe5 Nh7 28.gxh5
gxh5 29.Rg1+–] 27.hxg4 e5 28.dxe5 Nh7
29.Rh1 Nh8 [29...Nxe5 is impossible at
this moment because of old trick 30.Nxe5
Bxe5 31.Qh6 Nf8 32.Qh8+]
30.Qh2 Nxc5
31.Rxc5!! [Excellent decision – queen is
distracted from king g8; 31.e6?! Bxb2
(31...f6 32.Bxg6) 32.Rxb2 Qf6 , and noth-
ing is clear yet.] 31...Qxc5 32.e6 f6
[32...Nxe6 33.Qh8+; the main line is
32...Bxb2 33.Ne5! Bxe5 34.Qxe5 Nh7
35.exf7+ Kxf7 36.Rxh7+–] 33.Bxg6 Rxe6
[33...Nxe6 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Bxf6 with dis-
ester.] 34.Ng5! Now all white pieces are
taking part in attack. 34...Re7 35.Bh7+
[35.Qh5 Rcc7] 35...Kh8 36.Bd4
[Straightforward 36.Bf5+ Kg8 37.Bxc8
would have lead to the goal quicker: 37...gxg5 38.Bxg7 Rg7 39.Qh8+ Kf7
40.Rh3! , and rook's connection decides
the game.] 36...Qb4 37.Bg6+ Kg8
38.Bh7+ Kh8 39.Bf5+ [Another path –
39.a3! Qxa3 40.Ra1 Qb4 41.Ra4 Qe1
42.Nf3 Qc1 43.Ra1 , and queen is
trapped.] 39...Kg8 40.Nh7 Rcc7 41.Qh5
[And again, simple 41.Bxf6 Rf7 42.g5 wins
easily, but White has something else in
mind(42.Bxg7? Rxf5!!)] 41...Qd6

42.b4! Superb idea. There is only one way
against Bc5, but queen h5 is going to g6
then. 42...Nd7 [42...Qxb4 43.g5+–] 43.a3!?
[43.Qg6 and that's it, though White has no
reason to be hurry.] 43...b6 44.Qg6 Ne5
Now comes a simple, classical combina-
45.Nxf6+! Qxf6 46.Rh8+ 1-0

(08) Koneru,Humpy (2600) -
Hou,Yifan (2578) [D38]
WCh w Tirana ALB (3), 17.11.2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 Ra-
gozin Defence is becoming more and more
popular. 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 c5
8.e3 [If 8.dxc5 , then 8...Nc6 9.a3 (9.e3 g5
10.Bg3 Ne4) 9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 g5 11.Bg3
Qa5 with good counterplay.] 8...c4!? [8...Nc6 9.Rc1 g5 10.Bg3 Ne4 could be
seen in Li Shilong–Le Quang Liem, CZM
9...g5 Black's main idea in this system – several pieces are assaulting to c3 at one time. 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.Ne5 [That's dernier cry, but approved 12.0–0 is not worse – 12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Bf5 (13...Nxc3 14.Qd2 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Bf5 16.e4! , opening all lines) 14.Ne5 0-0 (and again 14...Nxc3 fails: 15.Rxc3! Qxc3 16.Qa4+ Nd7 17.Qb5±) 15.Bg4!, Moiseenko–Aleksandrov, Kramatorsk 2001, and White is clearly better.] 12...Bxc3+ [12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc3+ 14.Kf1 Bb4 15.e4!] 13.bxc3 Nc6 Of course, Black is willing to eliminate strong ¤e5 as soon as possible. 14.0-0 0-0!N [This is a more reasonable decision, then 14...Nxc3 15.Rxc3! Qxc3 16.Bh5 0-0 17.Qf3 (17.Bxf7+ is enough only for a draw – 17...Rxf7 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.Qf3+ Kg7 20.Qxd5 Qd3 21.Be5+ Nxe5 22.Qxe5+ =, Nielsen–Palac, ch–EUR 2011) 17...Nd8 18.Qf6 Qc2 19.Ng4! Bxg4 20.Be5! Qh7 21.Bxg4 Ne6 , Topalov–Aronian, Amber 2011, and now in case of 22.Bf5! (instead of taking place 22.f4 Qg7 23.Qe7 Rae8 24.Qd7 Qh7 25.fxe5 f5!±) 22...Qg7 23.Qe7 Rfe8 24.Qd7 Qh7 25.fxg5 f5!± White bishops are just horrific.] 15.Bf3 In return, White also attacks g4! 15...Nxe3 [15...Nxc3? is not an option anymore: 16.Nxc6! (16.Qd7 Ne4) 16...bxc6 17.Qd2+–] 16.fxg3 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Be6 18.Bh5!? [Very brave. 18.Qd2 seems to be a solid reply, having in mind h4 and e4, but Black was gonna answer 18...f5! 19.exf6 Rxf6, and after Raf8 all is OK.] 18...Qxa2 19.Rf6 Qb2! [Excellent idea. Realizing, that after 19...Kg7 20.Qf3 Qa5 21.Rf1 Qc7 22.h4! White's rush is too strong, Black "ties" queen d1 to f1.] 20.Rxe6 Bf5 Now there won't be any of Rc2 or Rb1. 21.Rf6 [Otherwise Kh6 will be aside: 21.Bf3 Bg6] 21...Be4?! [It's better to not hesitate with 21...Bd3 – 22.Rf2 Qb6 23.Qf3, and 23...Rae8! secures Black's edge: 24.Bxf7+?! Kg7 25.e6 Rxe6+] 22.Bf3? [It was necessary to drive queen b2 away immediately: 22.Rf2 Qb6 23.Qd2, with further Rcf1 and tolerable posture. Now black queen continues to paralyze White's position.] 22...Bd3 23.Qe1 [23.Bxd5 Rad8 24.Rd6 Rxd6 25.exd6 Rd8±, and Black is controlling the whole board.] 23...Rae8 24.Bxd5 Rxe5 25.e4 Kg7 [There was nothing wrong with 25...Bxe4 26.Rf2 Qa3 27.Bxe4 Rxe4 28.Qd2 Qc5, but Black has another intention – to conduct f7–f5.] 26.Rf2 Qb6 27.Qd2
27...Rd8! Turns the beam – now in view of Bxe4 threat queen d2 has to step back, so f7–f5 will be conducted. 28.Qb2 [28.Bxf7 Bxe4 29.Qe1 Rf8 30.Bxc4 Ref5+] 28...f5! 29.Qxb6 axb6 30.Bxb7 fxe4 The end-game is won easily owing to Æe4. 31.Rb2 Re7! [Simple 31...e3 was enough – 32.Rxb6 e2 33.Re1 Rf8 34.Bf3 g4+, but Hou Yifan decided to show an exceptional technique.] 32.Bc6 [32.Rxb6 Rb8] 32...Rd6 Bishop is driven away to the bad spot. 33.Ba4 [33.Rxb6 Rc7] 33...e3 The rest doesn’t require any comment. 34.Re1 e2 35.Bc2 Rf7 36.Bxd3 cxd3 37.Rd2 Rdf6 0-1

(09) Landa,K (2639) - Saric,Iv (2643) [E97]
Schachbundesliga 2011-12 Hockenheim GER (4), 2011
[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3!? [This is a decent way to avoid well-known lines 8.d5 Ne7 ...] 8...Ng4 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 Nh6 Black is threatening with g5–g4, so White has to relieve tension in center. 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.c5 Kh8 Black wants to play Bg4 in order to fight for the point d4, that’s why he moved 12...Kh8 – Qb3+ is not dangerous anymore. 13.Qa4 [White could prevent to the opponent's plans, like in the following game: 13.h3!? Be6 14.Qa4 Qe8 15.Rad1 f5 16.Bb5! a6 17.Bxc6 bxc6 (№ 17...Qxc6) 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Rfe1, Suba–Watson, New York 1987 19...Nf7 20.Bg3! f4 21.Bh4±] 13...Bg4N [Earlier met 13...Qe8 14.Rfd1 (14.Nd5 Nd4) 14...Bg4 15.Rd2 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bd1 Qxa4 18.Bxa4 g5 19.Bg3 f5 1/2, Golod–Frolov, Simferopol 1991] 14.Rfd1 Qe7 [I guess, Frolov did quite right when he put queen at e8: 14...Qe8 15.Nd5?! Nd4 16.Qxe8?! Nxe2+ 17.Kf1 Rxe8 18.Kxe2 f5++; now Nd5 goes with tempo.] 15.Nd5 Qf7

Probably, Black thought, that ²e6 will take rook as the most valuable piece. But...

[28...Nf5 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Re1+] 24.Nxg7! Without Gufeld’s bishop Black is just defenceless. 24...Kxg7 25.Re1 Qf5 [25...d2 26.Rxe4 d1Q+ 27.Re1 barely changes anything.] 26.Be6! [The most exact way to formalize a victory; 26.Be5+ Rf6 still leaves some questions.] 26...Qg5 27.Be5+ Rf6 28.f4! Qxe5 Seems like desperation, but from computer point of view, this is the strongest. [28...Qh4 29.g3 Qh5 30.Bxf6+ Kxf6 31.Qc3+ with mate.] 29.Rxe5 Re8 30.Bb3 Rd8 31.Re7+ Kf8 32.Rxh7 a5 33.Qc3 One should care about bishop g7! 1-0

[IM Polivanov, A]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 Nc6 5.e4 Curious opening transitions – this position can also arise from 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 Nc6 4.d4 Bb4 5.f3. 5...0-0 [Usually Black prefers to strike the center at once: 5...d5 6.exd5 exd5 7.e5 Ng8 8.f4 Nh6!? , Shirov–Tiviakov, Wijk aan Zee 2001, counting on 9.Be3?! Ng4; now bishop can occupy square e3.] 6.Be3 d5 7.e5 Nd7 8.cxd5 exd5

16.Nf3 Qc5! ; that's why White wants to have an opportunity Rf2 here, but...


23...Bf3! The best continuation of attack, which should bring a victory. 24.Rf1 [24.Rh2 isn't an option too: 24...Be4
25.Bxe4 dxe4–+
Black restoring a material balance, whereas king e1 still hasn't place to hide. The end of story is coming. 27.Kf2 Bxh3 28.Bb1 c6 29.Qh1 Bg4 30.Kg1 gxf4 31.gxf4 Ng6 32.Qg2 Qe3+ 33.Kh2 Bxe2 34.f5 Qf4+ 35.Qg3 Qxg3+ 36.Kxg3 Bc4 37.Rg2 Ne7 0–1

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